



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Chair, Subcommittee on Interior
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair McCollum and Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Members Joyce and Udall:

Enclosed is a chart showing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2019 Disaster Relief Act operating plan and obligation data as required by the Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-20). The chart shows data as of March 6, 2020 by account, program project, and state or territory.

The EPA has obligated more than \$3.3 million for water sector preparedness, Leaking Underground Storage Tank grants, and water pollution control grants. The agency continues to work with states and territories to prepare plans needed to use the funding.

In addition to the chart, this package includes an enclosure explaining why the EPA will work to return \$1.5 million of Hazardous Waste Financial Assistance due to the absence of affected states' interest in the funding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Ed Walsh at Walsh.Ed@epa.gov or (202) 564-4594 should you require any additional information on the EPA's obligations to date.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)

Disaster Relief Act, 2019, PL 116-20

Environmental Protection Agency Distribution by Appropriation, Program Project & State or Territory - Operating Plan and Obligations as of March 6, 2020

Dollars in Thousands

| NPM (1) | Fund (2) | Program Project | State / Territory | | | | | | | | | | | | Admin (4) | Totals |
|------------------------|----------------|--|-------------------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|---------|---------|--------------|--------|
| | | | AK | AL | CA | FL | GA | NC | OK | SC | VA | CNMI | Overall | | | |
| EPA Operating Plan (5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OW | S&T | Homeland Security: Critical Infrastructure | | | | | | | | | | | | \$600 | \$600 | |
| OLEM | LUST | LUST | | | | \$83 | | \$1,408 | | | | | | \$9 | \$1,500 | |
| OLEM | STAG-Cat Grant | Hazardous Waste Financial Assistance (3) | | | | | | | | | | \$56,000 | | \$1,500 | \$57,500 | |
| OW | STAG-Cat Grant | Categorical Grant: Pollution Control (Sec. | \$0 | \$342 | \$1,131 | \$589 | \$557 | \$1,027 | \$288 | \$418 | \$438 | \$211 | | | \$5,000 | |
| OW | STAG-CWSRF | Clean Water State Revolving Fund | \$376 | \$68 | \$183 | \$17,690 | \$2,655 | \$19,192 | | \$12,673 | | \$312 | | \$150 | \$53,300 | |
| OW | STAG-DWSRF | Drinking Water State Revolving Fund | \$26,272 | \$847 | \$41,903 | \$109,270 | \$33,600 | \$68,611 | | \$4,659 | | \$10,088 | | \$850 | \$296,100 | |
| Totals | | | \$26,648 | \$1,257 | \$43,217 | \$127,632 | \$36,812 | \$90,239 | \$288 | \$17,750 | \$438 | \$66,611 | \$2,109 | \$1,000 | \$414,000 | |

Notes

- (1) NPM = EPA National Program Manager, OLEM (Office of Land and Emergency Management), OW (Office of Water).
- (2) Fund = EPA Appropriation, S&T (Science and Technology), LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tanks), STAG (State and Tribal Assistance Grants).
Cat Grant (Categorical Grant), CWSRF (Clean Water State Revolving Fund), DWSRF (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund).
- (3) After working with eligible states, EPA is now working to return the funding after final damage assessments showed insufficient levels of damages to use these funds.
- (4) Appropriation set aside some funds for EPA Administrative Costs.
- (5) Operating Plan - There were no changes in EPA's Operating Plan from the last report.
operating plan of anticipated uses of the funds made available in this title by State and Territory, and by program, project and activity to the Committee on Appropriations. ...
Provided further that such plans shall be updated, including obligations to date and submitted to the Committee on Appropriations every 60 days until all such funds are expended."
- (7) Funds were provided for "necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, calendar year 2018 earthquakes, and Typhoon Yutu."

Obligations

Disaster Relief Act, 2019, PL 116-20

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Dollars in Thousands

| NPM (1) | Fund (2) | Program Project | State / Territory | | | | | | | | | | | | Totals |
|---------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| | | | AK | AL | CA | FL | GA | NC | OK | SC | VA | CNMI | Overall | Admin (4) | |
| OW | S&T | Security: Critical Infrastructure Protection | | | | | | | | | | | \$600 | | \$600 |
| OLEM | LUST | LUST | | | | \$83 | | \$1,408 | | | | | | | \$1,491 |
| OLEM | STAG- Cat Grant | Hazardous Waste Financial Assistance (3) | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$0 |
| OW | STAG- Cat Grant | Categorical Grant: Pollution Control (Sec. | | | | \$589 | | | | | \$438 | \$211 | | | \$1,238 |
| OW | STAG- CWSRF | Clean Water State Revolving Fund | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$0 |
| OW | STAG- DWSRF | Drinking Water State Revolving Fund | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$0 |
| Totals | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$672 | \$0 | \$1,408 | \$0 | \$0 | \$438 | \$211 | \$600 | \$0 | \$3,329 |

2019 Supplemental Disaster Relief Act, PL 116-20, Return of \$1.5 Million Explanation

Issue – EPA received an additional \$1.5 million for supplemental hazardous waste grant funding as part of the 2019 Supplemental Disaster Relief Act. Affected states decided not to pursue the use of these funds.

Explanation - The 2019 Supplemental Disaster Relief Act authorized EPA to provide \$1.5 million “for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael...” EPA coordinated with the affected states to determine interest and use in spending the resources. Based on this coordination, none of the affected states expressed an interest in using the funding for its intended purpose. EPA is informing Congress prior to initiating actions to return this funding to the Department of Treasury.

2019 Supplemental Disaster Relief Act Language

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS - For additional amounts for “State and Tribal Assistance Grants” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and calendar year 2018 earthquakes for the hazardous waste financial assistance grants program, \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended; for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Yutu for the hazardous waste financial assistance grants program and for other solid waste management activities, \$56,000,000, to remain available until expended, provided that none of these funds shall be subject to section 3011(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act; and for grants under section 106 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, to address impacts of Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and calendar year 2018 wildfires, notwithstanding subsections (b), (e), and (f), of such section: *Provided*, That such amounts are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.